

# Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.  
 Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.  
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m.  
 Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
 or by appointment with the pastor.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed during lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to [bulletin@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephcc.com) no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.



### Holy Family School—Huntsville

Jim Bell, Principal  
256.539.5221

### St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Michael Henry, Principal  
256.430.1760



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Maritza Holland at the parish office. For sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there must be at least one year of formation immediately prior to the preparation for the sacraments.

**BAPTISM.** Parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation session before scheduling a baptism.

**MARRIAGE.** If you intend to be married at St. Joseph Church, you must be registered in the parish and be active by donating your time, talent or treasure in support of parish projects. Regular Mass attendance on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation is also required. Couples planning marriage should contact the parish before setting a wedding date.

**OCIA.** Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Joseph Lubrano at the parish office to schedule an anointing.

### FUNERALS

We have a number of people to help plan funeral liturgies. Please call the parish office before contacting the funeral home to avoid scheduling conflicts.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish and wish to register, please call the parish office for the appropriate forms.

# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:00am: +Sr. Jean Marie Hauck, S.D.S.  
5:00pm: +Mrs. Felicia Ejimadu

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:15am: Reena Oommen  
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 29

7:00am: +Viviana Uribe-Torres, +Sara Nava

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7:00am: +William Carter Wall, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 01

7:00am: +Matthew Keke

THURSDAY, JULY 02

7:00am: +Mike Sanders

FRIDAY, JULY 03

7:00am: +Jane Buncuan

SATURDAY, JULY 04

8:00am: +Nonda Sloan, +Higinia Roque-Menendez  
5:00pm: +Peter Donnelly

SUNDAY, JULY 05

8:15am: For the Parish  
11:15am: Bruce & Helen Taylor

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



I hope you are having a great week. The following reflection came from *The Word Among Us: Daily Meditations for Catholics*. The readings from Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time are: **2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18,20/Psalm 132:11-14, 17-18/Matthew 6:19-23.**

**Storing up treasures in heaven. (Matthew 6:20)**

Earthly treasures – we all know what those are. We can see and touch the shiny sports car, the elegant evening dress, the big new home and all the other creature comforts that money can buy. Compared to vague and elusive heavenly treasures, these things seem so real and attractive, especially when the neighbor has them.

Why would Jesus warn us about these earthly treasures that seem to make so many people happy? The answer to this may be summed up in two words: “temporary” and “shortsighted.” We are destined for eternity, but the treasures of the world are not. It’s shortsighted to set our hearts on things that will fade away. What will last forever, Jesus says, is the treasure of heaven. This treasure really is worth seeking because it’s the only one that will truly satisfy and last forever.

The heavenly treasure Jesus promises has two aspects. First, there are the rewards waiting for us at the end of time. At the Last Judgment, we will receive our recompense for every act of love and obedience to Christ – every cup of water for the thirsty, every sinful thought brought captive to Christ, every moment submitted to his will. Jesus has prepared a place for us in the beautiful new Jerusalem, where there is no darkness, sickness or pain. He will reign there as Lord, and we will see him face-to-face! What a day of rejoicing that will be!

The second aspect of heavenly treasure is what we can experience here and now. For those who follow Christ, life on earth is filled with glimpses of heaven. Freedom from guilt. Power over persistent sin. A dynamic, personal relationship with the Creator of the universe. Clarity and purpose for living. Deep friendships with brothers and sisters in the Lord. Conviction of the truth and clarity about right and wrong. The ability to forgive. Strength and weakness. Peace in times of trial. Joy in the knowledge of salvation. Hope for the future. Divine wisdom for everyday situations. Healing and miracles. When you stop to think about it, no luxury car or mansion can possibly compare!

**“Jesus, thank you for filling me with the good gifts of your Kingdom!”**

I hope you have a blessed day. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

**Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe**

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**PLEASE NOTE**

We often get the question “Do you have a ‘lost-and-found’ area for personal items that are left in the church?” The short answer is that we don’t have enough storage space for a designated area. The long answer is that I go through the church after Mass and pick up anything left behind. I keep the items for a short time and, if they are not spoken for, I give them to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. So, please remember to take your belongings with you when you leave the church, because they may not be here if you wait too long to come back for them.

**Fr. Joe**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
*We are here to pray for you!*



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Elaine Sayre, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburn, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Ben Sunday, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, George deVuyst, Milly Kuszynski, Brent Weisbecker, Mary Jean Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr., Ezra Morris, Larry Barnett, Susan Sheehy, Chris Johnson, Jeff Jansen, Gary Wilson.

**Note**

*If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list. Thank you, Fr. Joe*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday <i>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul Solemnity</i>	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19	Friday	Ephesians 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 John 20:24-29
Tuesday	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 Matthew 8:23-27	Saturday	Amos 9:11-15 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Matthew 9:14-17
Wednesday	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17 Matthew 8:28-34	Sunday	Zechariah 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30
Thursday	Amos 7:10-17 Ps 19:8-11 Matthew 9:1-8		

**JUST TO LET YOU KNOW**

A few weeks ago, I pointed out the many ways that we at St. Joseph are reaching out to our broader community, both here and abroad.

- This year during Lent, the children at Holy Family School and the RE students collected \$3,995.69 to help the Salvatorian Sisters in Tanzania add grades 7 through 12 to their primary school in Buyuni, outside Dar es Salaam.
- Also during Lent, the parish had an *Undee Sunday* to collect underwear and socks for the Catholic Center of Concern in Huntsville.
- We are sending Holy Family School’s old uniforms that are in good condition to the Salvatorian Sisters in Tanzania, who are beginning a kindergarten and primary school in Masasi.
- In May, the Lay Salvatorians collected diapers, blankets and baby items for the Catholic Center of Concern in Huntsville.
- The chairs that we replaced in the conference room of the parish office were sent to Uganda, along with some small chairs from the old Holy Family School.
- Much of the old Holy Family School kitchen equipment was donated to Southern Waygu, which helps people start restaurants and food trucks.

- The used Holy Family School playground equipment was donated to Circle Ranch in Danville, Alabama, which is a home for foster children.
- The children attending our 2026 Vacation Bible School collected socks and underwear for First Stop in Huntsville.
- Each month, our parish collects food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

These are just some examples of how St. Joseph Parish and Holy Family School share the gifts that God has blessed us with in many different places and with many different people. Thank you for being a part of our outreach.

*Fr. Joe*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2026/2027** has begun. Registration forms are available in the church breezeway or the parish office. Classes begin on Sunday, August 16, 2026. Please call Maritza Holland at 256-534-8459 if you have questions.

<b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 11,119.00
Mission Cooperative Appeal	\$ 2,146.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 7,018.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

***JULY 04, 2026-JULY 05, 2026***

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00pm: Kara Harmon  
8:15am: Caed Lynch, Josephat Lopez  
11:15am: Michael Terry, William Taylor

**LECTORS**

5:00pm: Mary Graham, Sabine Wlodarski  
8:15am: Robert Styles, Ellen Styles  
11:15am: Debbye Joseph, Florence Okafor

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

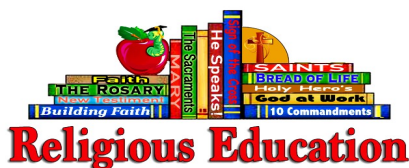
5:00pm: George Holland \*, Maritza Holland, Geri Donnelly, Philip Graham, Tammy Hoskins  
8:15am: Jim Bell\*, Linda Billingsley, Bill Billingsley, Teri Lynch, David Brost  
11:15am: Monique Kitts\*, Kristy Hayne, Jerolyn Golightly, Michelle Jansen, Nelene Odutola

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis

### FORMATION CALENDAR

August 9 OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  
Parish Office Building



**RE REGISTRATION FOR 2026/2027** has begun. Registration forms are available in the church breezeway or the parish office. Classes begin on Sunday, August 16, 2026.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** If you attend Mass regularly at St. Joseph, you should be registered here. Single adults who no longer share an address with their parents should have their own separate registration. If you are planning to be married or are newly married, you are invited to join the parish. As a general rule, registration with a particular parish is important for any sacrament, such as baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, marriage and becoming a godparent. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

**BAPTISM:** Baptismal preparation class is required for parents and godparents. We offer the class at the beginning of each quarter, or four times a year. Please call the parish office to register. If you are a godparent from another parish, you must provide a letter of good standing from your pastor.

**MARRIAGE:** Marriage preparation classes are required if you plan to be married at St. Joseph. The preparation time is six months. You must be registered in the parish, complete the marriage preparation classes, attend an Engaged Encounter day or weekend and supply all the necessary documentation.

**FUNERAL:** Please call the parish office before making arrangements with a funeral home to ensure that the church and pastor are available. Schedule an appointment with the pastor to plan the service.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED** Have you ever felt a desire to become closer to Christ? The EMHC may be the ministry God is calling you to join. Training sessions are available throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, contact Josette Dant at [josette@hutchenscompany.com](mailto:josette@hutchenscompany.com).

**MERCY SINGLES MINISTRY** invites anyone over 21 years of age to join. You must be single, divorced or widowed. Our purpose is to form a Christ-centered community where singles can grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships and serve the community.

Contact [singles@mercyparish.church](mailto:singles@mercyparish.church) for more information.

**THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** group will meet for lunch on July 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at The Cheese Factory, 300 The Bridge NW, Bridge Street Town Center in Huntsville. Please call or text Joe at 719-213-9459 by Tuesday, July 7 for information, reservations or cancellations.

We are an informal group that gathers monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a meal at different local restaurants. Newcomers are always welcome, so come join us!

**LAY SALVATORIANs – WHO ARE WE?** The Salvatorian Family comprises three branches: the Society of the Divine Savior (Fathers and Brothers), the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Savior and the International Community of the Divine Savior (Lay Salvatorians).

In 1952, the Salvatorian Fathers founded our parish, St. Joseph, here in Huntsville. In 1956, the first Salvatorian Sisters came to staff our school. In 2000, the first local Lay Salvatorians made their commitment here.

If you are interested in learning more about the Lay Salvatorians, you are invited to join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in St. Francis Hall.

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 30

10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)  
5:30pm: Knights of Columbus (SFH)

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 01

6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)  
7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

#### FRIDAY, JULY 03

**HFS & Parish Office Closed**  
11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)

#### Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym  
SJC = St. Joseph Church  
SFH = St. Francis Hall  
LMR/LIB = RE Center  
STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel  
BRZWY = Breezeway  
VBC = Von Braun Center